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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/823/Add.2)]

48/256. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, comprising up to eighty-eight military observers, for a period of six months subject to the proviso that it would be extended beyond the initial ninety days only upon a review by the Council based on a report from the Secretary-General whether or not substantive progress had been made towards implementing measures aimed at establishing a lasting peace,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 881 (1993) of 4 November 1993, by which the Council approved the continued presence in Georgia of the Observer Mission until 31 January 1994 with a revised interim mandate and comprising up to five military observers,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 892 (1993) of 22 December 1993, by which the Council authorized the phased deployment of up to fifty military observers, and Council resolutions 896 (1994) of 31 January 1994, 901 (1994) of 4 March 1994 and 906 (1994) of 25 March 1994, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission up to 30 June 1994,

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1/ A/48/699 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

2/ A/48/918.

Recalling its decisions 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 and 48/475 B of 5 April 1994 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

Recognizing that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993, and stresses the need for the Secretariat to submit budget documents in time in order to allow for a proper and thorough review and approval by the General Assembly of the budgets before their implementation;

2. Notes with satisfaction an improvement in the compliance by the Secretariat with certain resolutions of the General Assembly concerning the form of budget documents on peace-keeping operations;

3. Reaffirms the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an advisory body to the General Assembly in the budget process;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy and, in particular, to implement fully the economy, financial and efficiency measures to be approved during the resumed forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and to report on the implementation of such measures in the context of the performance report on the Observer Mission for the period from 7 August 1993 to 31 March 1994;

6. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission promptly and in full;

7. Affirms that it expects that it will not be asked to take any future decisions on budgets for peace-keeping operations retroactively;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia an amount of 2,278,800 United States dollars gross (2,198,400 dollars net), authorized and apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 48/475 A, for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 7 August 1993 to 31 January 1994;

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9. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 1,251,800 dollars gross (1,220,100 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994;

10. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 1,002,600 dollars gross (939,000 dollars net), inclusive of the commitment of 600,000 dollars gross (558,000 dollars net) authorized under General Assembly decision 48/475 B for the period from 1 April to 31 May 1994, for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994;

11. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 1,251,800 dollars gross (1,220,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

12. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, the balance of the apportioned amount of 257,400 dollars gross (240,900 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision 48/475 A for the period ending 31 January 1994;

13. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 1,002,600 dollars gross (939,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994 among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 11 above;

14. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 31,700 dollars for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994 and 63,600 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994, respectively, approved for the Observer Mission;

15. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Observer Mission at a rate not to exceed 334,200 dollars gross (313,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1994, should the Security Council decide to continue the Observer Mission beyond 30 June 1994 and subject to the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the performance report for the mandate period ending 31 March 1994 and the budget estimates corresponding to any new mandate period the Security Council may decide on, no later than 15 September 1994;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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